

WE CLAIM:

1 1. A support device for use in building and
2 maintenance of a roof having a sloping plane, for use
3 with a roof ladder having rungs, said support device
4 comprising a support member connected to a base by means
5 of a joint, at least one support arm extending between
6 said support member and said base at a location remote
7 from said joint, and a rung-engaging element carried by
8 said base and extending in a direction away from said
9 support member to engage said rungs of said roof ladder,
10 whereby in use said support member has a support surface
11 lying in a generally horizontal plane while said base
12 lies generally adjacent and parallel to said plane of
13 said roof, wherein said rung-engaging element is located
14 along one edge of said base and comprises a plurality of
15 spaced cut-outs each so shaped to engage a rung of a roof
16 ladder, and further comprising an elongate roof-engaging
17 leg, located along an edge of said base opposite to said
18 rung-engaging element.

1 2. The support device of claim 1, which is
2 collapsible and in which said at least one support arm is
3 hinged to said support member and is releasably
4 engageable with said base.

1 3. The support device of claim 1, wherein said at
2 least one support arm has an adjustable length.

1 4. The support device of claim 3, wherein said

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2 support member incorporates a level-indicating device.

1 5. The support device of claim 1, wherein said base
2 is of generally planar configuration.

1 6. The support device of claim 1, wherein said
2 support member is of generally planar configuration.

1 7. The support device of claim 1, wherein said
2 support member is jointed to said base about a joint axis
3 which lies adjacent one edge of said base.

1 8. The support device of claim 1, wherein said
2 support member is jointed to said base about a joint axis
3 which lies adjacent one edge of said support member.

1 9. The support device of claim 1, wherein said base
2 is integral with said rung-engaging element and is formed
3 by folding a blank having said plurality of spaced cut-
4 outs preformed therein.

5 10. The combination of the support device of claim 1
6 and a roof ladder, said rung-engaging element engaging
7 said rungs of said roof ladder, whereby in use, when said
8 roof ladder is located on a sloping roof, said support
9 member has a support surface lying in a generally
10 horizontal plane while said base lies generally adjacent
11 and parallel to said plane of said roof.